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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant: Dickinson et al.  
Application Number: 09/651,181  
Filing Date: August 30, 2000  
Title: METHOD FOR IMPROVING  
SIGNAL DETECTION FROM AN  
ARRAY  
Examiner Name: Arun K. Chakrabarti  
Group Art Unit: 1634

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1. Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

- (X) Enclosed:  
(X) Amendment/Reply  
(X) Return Postcard

2. Fees:

- (X) RCE fee (\$375 small entity)  
(X) Extension of Time fee:  
(X) Three Month (\$465)  
(X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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02 FC:2253 465.00 DP

The claims have been calculated as follows:


CLAIMS AS FILED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total Claims	21	—	53	= 0 ×	\$9	= \$0
Independent Claims	3	—	12	= 0 ×	\$42	= \$0
If application has been amended to contain multiple dependent claim(s), then add					\$140	= \$0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$0

3. Payment:

- (X) Check in the amount of \$840 to cover the above fees.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
**AND SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final office action mailed March 26, 2003, for the above-referenced patent application. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for reviewing the instant application and the courteous telephonic conference conducted on September 23, 2003.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.